

Application Serial No.: 09/461,336

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In Response to Office Action mailed November 17, 2004

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed November 17, 2004, the Examiner alleges that the Reply and Amendment filed August 12, 2004 is not fully responsive. In particular, the Examiner alleges that the status of the claims is not correct because withdrawn claims are not noted as such.

In response, Applicants are assuming that none of the claim amendments filed August 12, 2004 were entered, and are thus re-submitting all of the claim amendments as they were filed on August 12, 2004, with corrected status identifiers. In particular, claims 11-13, 17, 19, and 46-48 include the status identifier "(Withdrawn-Currently Amended)," pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(2). Claims 18, 20-22, 52-57, 82-83, 99, 101, 113-114, 130, and 132 include the status identifier "(Withdrawn)," pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(3).

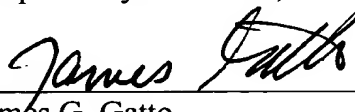
Accordingly, Applicants await a substantive examination of the pending claims on the merits and request that the Examiner address each of the issues and arguments presented in pages 27-32 of the Amendment filed August 12, 2004.

The application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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